

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A jukebox device, comprising:

a first storage location storing a first plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a first fee or number of credits;

a second storage location storing a second plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a second fee or number of credits, the second fee or number of credits being higher than the first fee or number of credits; and

a user interface provided to the jukebox device configured to enable a user to select an instance of media available for playback from the first and second pluralities of instances of media in order to initiate playback of the selected instance of media on the jukebox device following collection of an appropriate fee or number of credits,

wherein the first storage location is different from the second storage location, and

wherein each said instance of media in the first and second storage locations is of a common type.

44. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 43, wherein the first and second storage locations respectively comprise first and second disk drive devices.

45-46. (Cancelled).

47. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 43, wherein at least some said instances of media in the second plurality of instances of media are not included in the first plurality of instances of media.

48. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 43, wherein the first and second storage locations are updatable independent of one another.

49. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 43, wherein a selected instance of media from said second plurality of instances of media becomes at least temporarily available on the first storage location.

50. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 43, wherein each instance of media in the first plurality of instances of media is encrypted according to a first encryption level.

51. (Currently Amended) The jukebox device of claim 50, wherein each instance of media in the second plurality of instances of media is encrypted with a layer-level of encryption different from the first encryption level.

52. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 51, wherein each instance of media in the second plurality of instances of media is missing a predetermined number of bytes,

said missing bytes being stored in separate respective locations and being at least temporarily insertable into the respective instances of media to enable playback by the jukebox device.

53. (Currently Amended) A digital audiovisual distribution network, comprising:
a plurality of jukebox devices respectively located at a plurality of locations; and
a central server operably connected to including a repository of instances of media distributable to the jukebox devices via the network;

wherein each said jukebox device comprises:

a first storage location storing a first plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a first fee or number of credits;

a second storage location storing a second plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a second fee or number of credits, the second fee or number of credits being higher than the first fee or number of credits; and

a user interface provided to the jukebox device configured to enable a user to select an instance of media available for playback from the first and second pluralities of instances of media in order to initiate playback of the selected instance of media on the jukebox device following collection of an appropriate fee or number of credits,

wherein the first storage location is different from the second storage location,
and

wherein each said instance of media in the first and second storage locations is of a common type.

54. (Previously Presented) The digital audiovisual distribution network of claim 53, wherein for each said jukebox, the first and second storage locations respectively comprise first and second disk drive devices.

55-56. (Cancelled).

57. (Previously Presented) The digital audiovisual distribution network of claim 53, wherein for each said jukebox, the second plurality of instances of media substantially mirrors the repository of instances of media operably connected to the central server.

58. (Previously Presented) The digital audiovisual distribution network of claim 53, wherein for each said jukebox, the first and second storage locations are updatable via the network independent of one another.

59. (Previously Presented) The digital audiovisual distribution network of claim 53, wherein an instance of media from said second plurality of instances of media selected for playback is at least temporarily available on the first storage location.

60. (Previously Presented) The digital audiovisual distribution network of claim 53, wherein an instance of media stored in the repository of the central server, subsequent to user request, is downloadable to a storage location of one said jukebox device for a third fee or number of credits, the third fee or number of credits being higher than the second fee or number of credits.

61. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a jukebox device, comprising:
providing a first storage location storing a first plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a first fee or number of credits;
providing a second storage location storing a second plurality of instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device for a second fee or number of credits, the second fee or number of credits being higher than the first fee or number of credits; and
receiving, via a user interface provided to the jukebox device, user input corresponding to a selection of an instance of media available for playback from the first and second pluralities of instances of media for playback on the jukebox device,

wherein the first storage location is different from the second storage location, and
wherein each said instance of media in the first and second storage locations is of a common type.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the first and second storage locations respectively comprise first and second disk drive devices.

63-64. (Cancelled).

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein at least some said instances of media in the second plurality of instances of media are not included in the first plurality of instances of media.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising updating the first and second storage locations independent of one another.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising making available on the first storage location, at least temporarily, a selected instance of media from said second plurality of instances of media.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein each instance of media in the first plurality of instances of media is encrypted according to a first encryption level.

69. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein each instance of media in the second plurality of instances of media is encrypted with a layer-level of encryption different from the first encryption level.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein each instance of media in the second plurality of instances of media is missing a predetermined number of bytes, said missing bytes being stored in separate respective locations and being at least temporarily insertable into the respective instances of media to enable playback by the jukebox device.

71. (Currently Amended) A jukebox device configured to playback an instance of media selected by a user, comprising:

at least one storage location configured to store instances of media available for playback via the jukebox device, the instances of media being divided into first and second subsets of

media, the first and second subsets of media being different from one another but each said instance of media in the first and second subsets of media being of a common type; and
a user interface provided to the jukebox device configured to receive input from a user corresponding to a selection of an instance of media from the instances of media in order to initiate playback of the selected instance of media on the jukebox device, the user interface comprising a first display screen configured to receive input from a user for the selection of the instance of media for playback from the first subset of media for a first fee or number of credits, and a second display screen configured to receive input from a user for the selection of the instance of media for playback from at least the second subset of media for a second fee or number of credits, the second fee or number of credits being greater than the first fee or number of credits.

72. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 71, wherein the first display screen includes a list of artists for each said instance of media in the first subset of media.

73. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 72, wherein the list includes album art.

74. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 72, wherein the second display screen enables the user to enter as search criteria at least one of: an artist, a song name, and an album name.

75. (Currently Amended) The jukebox device of claim 74, wherein the second display screen is configured to display search results after at least some instances of media not included in the first subset of media are searched by programmed logic circuitry for instances of media matching the search criteria.

76. (Currently Amended) The jukebox device of claim 75, wherein the second subset of media is searched by programmed logic circuitry.

77. (Currently Amended) The jukebox device of claim 75, wherein the first and second subsets of media are searched by programmed logic circuitry.

78. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 75, wherein the search results are selectable by the user in order to initiate playback of the selected search result by the jukebox device for the second fee or number of credits.

79. (Previously Presented) The jukebox device of claim 71, wherein the first and second display screens are each configured to prompt a user to supply an additional fee or number of credits in order to make the selected instance of media play immediately after a currently playing instance of media.

80. (New) The jukebox device of claim 71, wherein the first and second display screens are arranged differently and include different search options.

81. (New) The jukebox device of claim 71, further comprising first and second storage locations respectively storing the first and second subsets of media.